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NREL: Thin Film Module Reliability Workshop June 23, 2004

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United Solar Ovonic Manufacturing

30 MW Plant

- Located in Auburn Hills, Michigan in a 167,000 sq. ft. facility
- Goal: 30 MW annual capacity with stable 8.5%+ efficiency
- Same basic processing steps but more automation including assembly

Several improvements to improve performance (efficiency,

throughput, downtime)

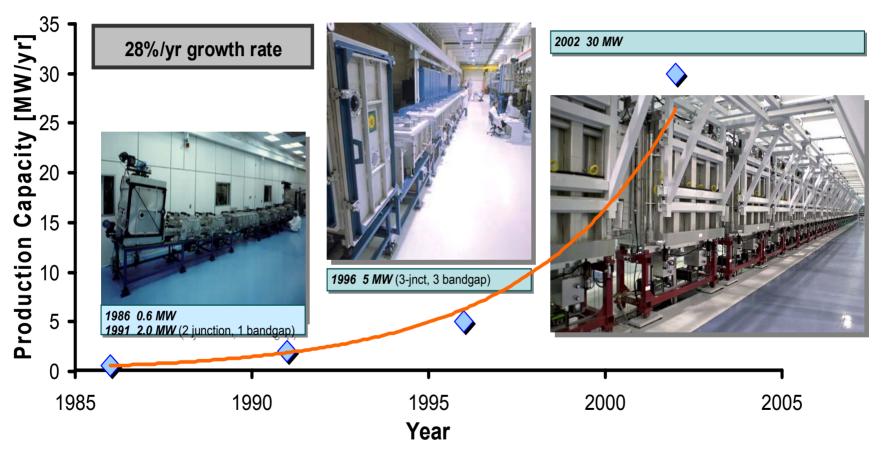
Shipment from March 2003

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Company Expansion



ECD/United Solar Joint Venture manufacturing capacity over the last 15 years. During this time capacity has expanded at about 30%/year, with more rapid expansion in the last 5 years.



United Solar Ovonic Deposition Operation



Wash Machine



Anti-Reflection Coating Deposition Machine



Back Reflector Deposition Machine



Amorphous Silicon Alloy Deposition Machine



Schematic flowchart of the roll-to-roll deposition operation

United Solar Ovonic Deposition Operation



Cutting of Slabs and Coupons

Short Passivation and Cell Definition

Bonding of Electrodes

Cutting of Cells

Cell Interconnection







Test & Ship

Framing & Finishing



Lamination



Schematic diagram of the module assembly operation

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United Solar Ovonic Sales

- √80% increase in sales between FY03 and FY04
- ✓ Greater increase in sales projected for FY04 FY05
- ✓ Alliances:

<u>OEM</u>

Solar Integrated Technologies (SIT)

Alwitra

Corus

Thyssen-Krupp Hoesch Bausysteme

Chevron Energy Solutions

Sarnafil



Distributors

Sunset

Donauer

Sunwize

Kyocera Solar Inc.

12 Volt Shop

AEC

Conergy



UNI-SOLAR Applications















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United Solar Ovonic offers:

- 1. A portfolio of standard *UNI-SOLAR*® system design solutions for all commercial roof types
 - Low-slope, Flat Roof (Membrane, Modified Bitumen, BUR)
 - Shade structures
 - Architectural Roof (sloped standing seam metal)
- 2. Complete Solutions
- 3. Data Acquisition Systems
- 4. Engineering support services for new construction and/or retro-fit applications







Building Integrated PV Solutions

- PV Panels conform to roof architecture
- No roof penetrations
- No need for mounting structures
- Rapid installation
- No access limitations
- Aesthetically pleasing





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Value Proposition for Commercial and Industrial Customers

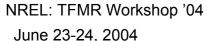


PV Laminate Systems for Single Ply Roofing Membranes

✓ UNI-SOLAR® products are <u>easier to install</u> on commercial building's requiring fewer man-hours for installation.







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✓ UNI-SOLAR® products are <u>flexible and low weight</u> (less than 1 lbs/sq ft) compared to more than 5 lbs/sq ft for the competition





Architectural Steel Roof and Shade Structure Solutions



UNI-SOLAR® products conform to the shape of any UL listed metal roofing system and are easy to install







Easily Installation with MC® "Quick Connect" Terminals



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United Solar Ovonic: Reliability and Certifications



How do we Ensure Reliability?

- In-house testing of stability using both indoor and outdoor measurements
- In-house reliability tests in accordance with IEEE 1262 and IECEC 61646
- 3. Outside stability data from recognized institutions
- Outside testing by Arizona State University, Underwriters Laboratory, ISPRA and TUV

Certifications

- 1. Underwriters Laboratory
- 2. TUV
- 3. Factory Mutual
- 4. Power Mark
- 5. ISPRA
- 6. Solar Energy Center, India
- 7. Mexico Renewable Energy Center

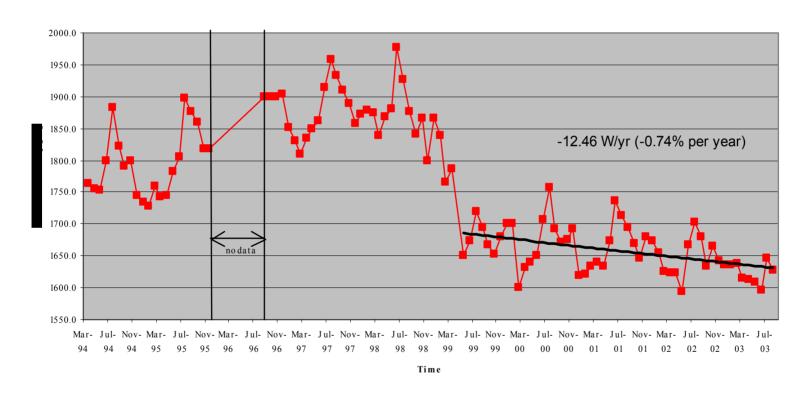
NOTE: (some of these agencies also carry out factory inspection)



NREL Long-Term Degradation Testing



USSC 1.8 kW Array PVUSA Power Rating vs Time (Irr >800 W/m^2 and P > 1500W)



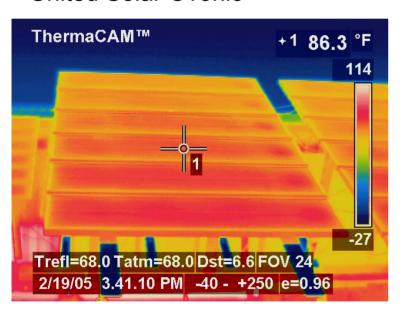


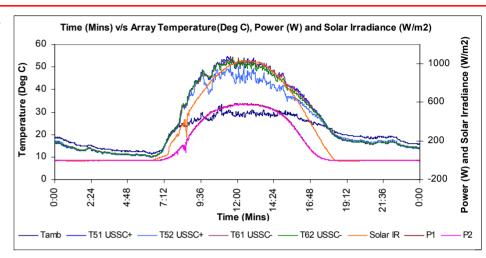
FSEC Long Term Thin Film Module Testing in Hot and Humid Climates

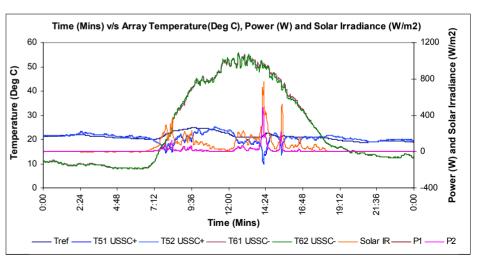


Clear Day

First Quarter 2004 data recently submitted to **United Solar Ovonic**







Cloudy Day



UNI-SOLAR Modules Approved for 1000 VDC Applications (TUV)





Certificate

Report No.: 21202411-1

License Holder:

United Solar Ovonic Corp

3800 Lapeer Road Auburn Hills MI 48326 USA Product:

PV Modules

Type: UNI-SOLAR® SSR-64 B/T ES

SSR-64 B/T ES 62 US-32 SSR-128 B/T ES124 US-42 SSR-192B/T ES136 US-64 SSR-256 B/T US-116

Basis:



TÜV Spec TZE/2.572.09
"Safety Class II Test on Photovoltaic (PV) Modules"

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Future Directions



- 1. Make the 30 MW plant capacity limited so as to build the next machine
- Reduce production cost by improving efficiency, using alternative materials in module fabrication and increasing throughput
- 3. Further exploration of microcrystalline material

